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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1907.

Young men soon fergive and forget affronts;
Old age is slow in both.

—Addison.

County Treasurers. The removal of Treasurer Hechler for malfeasance in office directs attention again, and very forcibly, to the management of the treasurer's office in Henrico county. When ex-Treasurer Brauer failed of re-election his accounts were found to be in a very muddled condition, and although no allegation of intentional wrong. doing was made, it was not denied that

Mr. Brauer had to make good the discrepancy which was found by the expert ecountants. When ex-Treasurer W, J. Todd died a much more serious state of effairs was found to exist, and his bondsmen were called upon to make up the

With these examples fresh in his mind, and with Judge Scott's warning to guide pointed on March 10, 1996, to fill the unexpired term of the late W. J. Todd, and reasurer's books was made, in October, 1906 only eight months later, Mr. Hechler, too, was found to be short in his ac Throughout the trial no attack was made on the honest intentions of Mr. Hechler, and The Times-Dispatch does not impute deliberate dishonesty to any of the derelict treasurers; but the fact of such constant and successive shortages i too glaring to be overlooked, and the underlying cause should be determined and removed as speedily as possible,

in reaching this determination it should be remembered that in Virginia there is no general statute requiring county treasurers to deposit State or county funds to a special account. As a result the treasurers, in many, if not the great majority of instances, keep the money of the State and county mingled with their own private funds. Inevitably this condition creates a feeling of actual own ership, and it is but a short step from that state of mind to such a use of public And this may occur without the least intention on the part of the treasurer to simple fact is that that there is great need for a statute requiring county treas urers to deposit all public funds in a sep arate account. If all public moneys had to be placed in a separate fund, if all treasurers were compelled to adopt a uniform system of bookkeeping, and traveling auditors saw that the system was faithfully and accurately adminis tered in every county and city, as The Times-Dispatch has urged for yours, those which have brought reproach upon the treasurer's office in Henrico.

So long as the present system con tinues the State has no one but itself to blame for shortages and malfeasances. In their own interests the treasurers ought to join in urging the immediate adoption of suitable and businesslike methods, for it is a significant fact that under the present lax system every investigation in Henrico county has shown up a shortage.

The Henrico court-house is in the city of Richmond, and it is fair to presume that the methods which prevail in the administration of Henrico's financial affairs are more businesslike than they are in countles that are remote from the financial centres. It is probably true, therefore, that an investigation would show that public funds in many other countles at a handled in a manner that is equally as bregular, if nothing worse. How tong will the tex-payers of the State submit to such slipshod methods?

# How to Treat a Megalomaniac.

Nowadays, they explain everything in a perfectly material and matter-of-fact ay. The social peccadilloes of the rich. regroes. The land, says he, that there is no law in California excluding negro causes. Do they steal, it is only because they are afflicted with an annoying discase with a long name. Do they drink, gamble, lide, fir; with chorus girls or marry them, it is merely because they have clots of something or other pressing on their cerebellums and impolling them irresistibly to each of those particular, occupations. They can't help it at all, poor fellows; they were born that way. And now comes along a well-known diagnostician of social fills to make the same explanation regarding the rich's yearning for riches. That, too, is not an error, but a disease. Men who crave very large fortunes are simply insane—that's all. We seem to have heard it California excluding negro children from the public schools for whites would tend to show that the present they are controversy is not so much one inspired by race prejudice, but is more including for so excellent a use as lie suggests. Being somewhat familiar with the good work done by the Young Woman's Christian Association, of with the good work done by the Young Woman's Christian Association, of the total number of negroes from five against 255,962 negroes of school age in Virginia.

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described as "megalomania," Anyway it is a pretty terrible complaint, presumably contagious, and a good many distinguished Americans seem to have it.

Any number of our plutocrats have talked to us about the responsibilities of wealth. They make it plain to the most unpretentious intellect that their is a curse laid upon them by an unkind fate, to be nobly borne by them. Mr. Carnegle's aphorism anent the disgrace of staving rich very long has become famous. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Harriman advised us that he would give away all his money to-morrow if he could. Yet both of them are gathering in more of it all the time, hand over fist. It backs up to their warehouses in drays every morning. This shows where the mania comes in, The gentlemen's ideas are all mixed up. They loathe wealth, yet cannot avoid making it in hogsheads. They are, in short, mad as any March hare that ever hopped.

So let us stop being disagrecable to the extremely rich, and speak to them gently, as is fitting with the feeble-witted. Let us take them kindly but firmly by their hands and lead them away to sanitariums, where keepers may sit upon their poor confused heads, and implore them to behave and come back to their And while they are there, getsenses. ting better and better, we trust, every day, let us take the miserable money that has reit away their reason and expend it wisely and judiciously for ourselves.

#### An Optimistic Governor.

Governor Buchtel, of Colorado, is an allround citizen and an optimist. He is an ex-Methodist minister, and an ex-college president and seems to be very liberal n all his views. He says that he is a Methodist because he happened to be born in the Methodist Church, but that he would have been just as good and would have lived just as happily as a member of any other denomination. There is no bigotry in Governor Buchtel's make-

up.

"It is the joy and not the gloom of life," said he in a recent discourse, "which God wishes to spread over the world. His day is a day of triumphs, a day of brightness, of cheer, if only we would read under the surface of the message He has sent to us through the mouths of His prophets. Everything in the universe is so attuned to minister to the happiness of man. The prophets bear witness to the fact of God's absorbing personal interest in everybody. There would be no neurasticular nor nervous diseases if only we could comprehend and grasp the all-pervading rest of God. If we would realize the repose we really enjoy in His care, His absolute control of us and our lives, our worries would cease, for we would worries would cease, for we would how futile they are."

The Governor takes a bright view of life and is trying to scatter his sunshine throughout the State. In order to promote sociability among the members of the Legislature he recently issued invitations for a "good fellowship" linner at a Denver hotel.

The Governor's dinner was well proposed and we should like to see such a dinner in Richmond when the Legislature next meets, except that the city of Richmond rather than the Governor of the State should be the host. Richmond does no pay as much attention as she should to the members of the Legislature when they meet here from time to time. It is not that she lacks interest in them, nor that she lacks hospitality, but our men are usually so busy that they do not attend as closely as they might to social duties. Let's do better when the Solons gather kere next time.

#### Sowing and Reaping.

On Sunday last Rev. W. M. Clark preached a practical and impressive sermon at St. James Church on the para ble of the sower, in which he emphasized the fact that no matter how good the seed might be the harvest depended on the quality of the soil in which the

In the parable some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and gathered them up; some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth, and forthwith they sprung up, but because they had no depth of root, when the sun was up it scorched the plant and it withered away; some fell among thorns good ground and brought forth

This parable, which is to be found to Matthew xill., should be carefully studied by every farmer in Virginia who complains of poor crops. He may get the choicest and best seeds from the Department of Agriculture, but unless he plants ing a rich harvest. He must make his lands rich; he must plough deep in order that the plant may sink its root far down into the earth, and he must be sure that weeds and grass do not choke the

Mr. T. O. Sandy, the Nottowny farmer who has had great success, says that if hese rules be observed the Virginia farner need not give himself much concern bout weather conditions.

The parable of the sower is the best ten, and every Virginia farmer who will follow its teachings will reap bountiful harvests.

## California Race Problem.

Our Washington correspondent makes the point that the California statute under which Japanese pupils are excluded from the white schools applies to Indians, Chinese and Mongolians, but not to negroes. "The fact," says he, "that there s no law in California excluding negro

The yellow inhabitants are already sufficiently numerous to make a problem, and the number is rapidly growing.

#### Death of Chief Puller.

Richmond has lost a good citizen and a valuable official in the death of Chief Puller, of the fire department. He was honest and clean in his private life; he was an expert fireman, faithful to all his duties, and he had the courage and fidelity of a true

He took hold of the department when it was in a demoralized condition, and by his good judgment and executive ability brought it up to a high state of eilleiency. The men held him in respect and affectionate regard, and he inspired in them that esprit de corps which is so essential in an organization of this character. The whole city liked and honored him, and there is timely taking off.

Richmond will be fortunate to get so good a chief as Mr. Puller proved to be; she cannot hope to get a better

Richmond's Y. M. C. A. building fund compaign closed Thursday night amid en-thusiastic scenes with \$225,929 in hand. In a gathering at headquarters business men cheered the workers and sang hymns of praise. The announcement that Miss praise. The announcement that Miss lielen Gould had cabled a gift of \$25,000 was a sensational feature of the evening. Richmond hus done well, as did Asheville just before. Now for Charlotte.—Charlotte Observer.

See what a good example may do. The successful campaign in Richmond will be an incentive and an inspiration to overy other city and town in the South which needs a new building for its Y. M. C. A. In helping ourselves, we have helped others and helped the good cause everywhere. Now, suppose we had falled?

Says the Washington Post: "The man Says the Washington Post: "The man will be sought an interview with the Mayor of Philadelphia on the subject of building a railroad from that city to heave was insane, of course, Travel in that direction is not heavy enough to warrant the investment." Why not build a southbound line, then?

Professor Thomas, of the University of Chicago, says that the intellect and moral courage of woman are interior to those of man. Prefessor Thomas is, we those of man. Prefessor Thomas is, we those of man. Prefessor Thomas is, we then the control of the course of the propers to see his name in the city directory."—Philadelphia Ledger. repeat, from the University of Chicago.

Bishop J. W. Hamilton was present at the earthquakes in both Kingston and San Francisco. The st thing the bishop knows they will be clapping a prohibitive tariff on to him all right.

The National Co-Operator, which

The National Co-Operator, which is giving shrewd advice for making "more Rockefellers in the world," is hallucinated to an extent that warrants a call from a high-grade allenist. It is intimated that 228 almost-authors

have side-tracked more serious work to report the Thaw trial. And yet "real literature" contrives to totter along Boni writes to his ex-wife: "If you

on't consent to see me I'll commit sui-Schmitz, of San Francisco, is heading East to confer with the President. There must be times when Mr. Bryan is kind of glad of his lemons.

If Chairman Shonts disliked the air at Panama, it will be interesting to hear his candid oginion of the climate of the New York subway.

Mr. Balley is deeply engaged in cul-tivating that commonest of all sena-torial adornments, a pachyderm ex-terior.

Dryden has withdrawn from the con-test for his senatorial seat, having per-ceived that the seat was meditating a similar procedure.

Dr. Wiley, who has discovered that cold-storage eggs quickly "deteriorate," should hold out for a rebate off the

board bill. As to the White House succession Senator Beveridge virtually confesses that his choice is Al. Beveridge, of In-

Miss May MacKenzie is to be felici-tated on the case with which she secures top column next to pure reading matter.

Now there is a big fight on over the will of Bailey, the circus man. A very scrappy family, the Balleys.

The trifle of a billion-dollar debt will doubtless help to come down Japan's belligerent feeling some.

Appendicitie is spreading rate indicative of the most gratifying prosperity.

Russian caviare costs \$10 a pound and indigestible anyway. Kindly pass the

For ocean travel, in winter-time, ark is also worse than a steamship

#### Mr. Rohleder's Plan.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Sir,-It was with pleasure that I read the sir,—it was with pleasure that read the article in your paper of January 25th, suggesting that the old Y. M. C. A. Building be used for a Woman's Gymnasium and School of Art.

There is truly a great need in our city for an institution of this kind, and the

suggestion was a most timely and ex-cellent one; and the article worthy of republication.

I should like very much to see the plan carried out as set forth in Mr. Rohleder's article, and if the women of our city would take hold of the matter and start a campaign to interest the

public in establishing an institution of this kind, its success would be assured. I shall be glad to offer our store as headquarters for this work, and to render any other assistance within my power to further this movement, which, it brought to a successful end, would mean an important content. portant factor in the progress of Rich-mond. L. BURKE SLAUGHTER.

#### The Old Y. M. C. A. Building.

Richmond, Va.

Weather 'Tis Nobler in the Mind

to Suffer.

to Suffer.

Winders,
We bound ley cloths on our hair,
We grapped on the roof-top for air;
We holderd: "O heaven forfend us—
We stiffe!"—and hitterly ast:
"O weather man, please, mister, send

A little real winter at last!"

We peered up the street for near-

We peered up the street for mear-breezes,
We cried: "Through some horrible slip,
It's summer!"—and went into sneezes,
Convulsed with a case of the grip.
And still the heat grew like a fungus—
Till whisht!—ere an hour was past,
The weather-man chortled and fung us
A little weat winter at last. A little real winter at last.

The mercury fell by the furlong,
The atmosphere iced while you
watched.
My wife—well, I stayed not for her
long,
But sped to the club and hotscotched.
And though I went bedward wellkivered,
And Ill up within-still the blost

And lit up within—still the blast Bit into my bone, and I shivered: "It looks like real winter at last."

Ah, well! Let us never forget that The weather die's quickly recast I'll risk 30 cents on a bet that This touch of real winter won't last.

MERELY JOKING.

he Grasping Hand.

"Walking through this hotel reminds me of measuring a vulture."
"How so?"
"It's about four feet from tip to top."— Washington Herald.

It Depended.

"Are you hungry, George, dear?"
"Who cooked the dinner, pet?"—Cleve-

"Woman will always be a mystery,"
"That's right; see the way they take to
bridge, and one of the rules of the game
is that you mustn't tailt."—Detroit Froe
Press.

Cheap Celebrity.

Convicted.

Lawson—But I tell you he isn't a Ken-tuckian, no matter what he says. Dawton—How do you know? Lawson—Why, the corkserew in his knife is rusty.—Somerville Journal.

Your True Optimist. Your True Optimist,
"Bunkor deserves a great deal of credit.
No matter how things go, he always says
he can't complain."
"Nothing particularly commendable about
that. The man who deserves credit is the
man who can complain, but won't."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

T doubt of Representatives has voted to abolish all the pension disbursing agencies but one—that meintained at washington it was a sensible more. Why not go shead now and abolish useless custom houses, at which the cest of collecting a dollar ranges from \$7 to \$1,263?-tNew York Tribune.

York Tribune.

New Jarsey must be getting better. It shows signs of refusing to sell that seat in the United States Senate.

the United States Sonato.

It may be inferred from Dr. Harvey W. Wiley's indictiment of ice-cream as the mother of lockjaw that the government must control or own the ice-cream plants.—New York Sun.

"After all," says the Boston Globs, "Congress might do a good deal worse than talk," surely. But then it might also do a good deal better.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Between appropriation bills in the Senata i: appears to be the fashion to deprive the President of a few yards of cuticle.—Wash-ington Post. There ought to be some more reasonable way of making people tired than that of talking war with Japan.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What is legal tender?" asks the Washington Herald. Well, for Instance, the vote of a New Jersey legislator.—Louisville Courter-Jognal.

#### COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

Richmond's Plety.

The Times-Dispatch noies the fact that there were four thousand Richmond subscribers to the two-hundred-thousand-dollar fund for the new Y. M. C. A. building, while less than two thousand of the city's suffragans word in the recent Congressional primary. This indicates that the people of Richmond take a more lively and substantial interest in the religion than in politics, besides speaking volumes for their public spirit and liberality.—Virginian-Pilot.

Martinsville's Library.

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We publish olsewhere an article written by one of the high-school pupils giving a brief but comprehensive statement of what the School Library Association has accomplished. The association has made a good sight towards the squipment of the library, but so worthy an object has not received such general and substantial support from our citizens as it ought to have enlisted. Every parton of the school who is able to do so, should at least contribute h useful book to the collection.—Henry Bulletin.

Warning to Thieves.

"Abandon all hope ye who enter here."

Is the warning of the Richmond police to
all pickpockets, shoplifters, church fakirs,
betty thieves, etc., who expect to attend the
Jamestown Exposition. The Richmond police can handle this class of criminals to
perfection—Scottswille Enterprise.

A Tribute to the Press.

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The people as a rule do not place the poor value on the newspapers of their por value on the newspapers of their numity and State that the papers deve. In Richmond a few weeks aso it is decided to raise \$200,000 for a new M. C. A. building, and committees were soluted to solicit the amount. Any numorized to solicit the amount, Any numorized to solicit the amount. Any numorized to solicit the amount, and such grands of the Capital City gave with such reality that the expectations of the most guine were more than realized, but just not what a failure the movement would be been had the three daily newspapers Richmond kept hands off. All of the entities are reported. It is our opinion that the ly newspapers are not only a necessity, they are a power for good in the land,—from Ferre Review.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Taking the statistics for the entire world our and a haif persons to the thousand are ther deaf, dumb, blind or mentally de-

The New York-Blackweil Island Bridge, which is expected to be opened early next year, will have twice the capacity of the Brooklyn Bridge. During 1996 America produced 98,090,090 railroad ties and 19,000,000 neckties. Returns in wedding ties have not been received yet —Denver Post.

elved yet.—Denver Post.

If Berlin annoxed all its suburbs, after he fashion of Paris, it would have about ,000,000 inhabitants, and would be the second city in size in Europe.

Since you have requoted the example of morrest punetuation, "It was and I said, not of," it would be as well to give that you better enample. "That that is it that hat is not is not is not that it it is." And o avoid nightmarcs we immediately punctuale thus: That that it, is; that that is jot, is not, is not that it? It is.—Correpondence London Chronicle.

While hunting red foxes on Mead Run. Myondenee London Chronicle.

While hunting red foxes on Mead Run, McKenn county, last week, Tracy Smith and George Sanders shot and killed a black fox. The animal fell into a pool of water after being injured, softing wet and muddy, and, as it was mearly dark, they did not discover that it was black until after they had reached their camp. They soft they had reached their camp. They soft they for \$100. — Mount Jewell (Pa.) Heraid,

IMPARTING VIGOR\_

# Rhymes for To-Day. WILL RESUME WORK AFTER BRIEF DELAY

Surburg Company Will Open Doors of Old Yarbrough Factory To-Morrow.

Factory To-Morrow.

If the sleet and snow will permit, the employes of the Surburg Tobacco Company, which was burned out two weeks age in Cary Street, will return to work to-morrow morning.

"I, of course, regret the loss to the factory," said a member of the firm on the morning of the fire, "but I regret a great deal more the loss of time and money it will mean to the employes, particularly the women."

With this in view, the gentleman referred to has been very busy, and within ten days has established the factory in the old Yarbrough establishment, at Twenty-second and Franklin Streets, and by to-morrow will be manufacturing as usual eigarettes and smoking tobacco.

Since the big fire which destroyed the plant in the Williams building, each and ery man and woman employed by the company has been paid half their wages.

#### half their wages. INSTALLATION OF FAIRMOUNT PASTOR

Interesting Exercises Held Sunday, Number of Ministers Taking Part.

Rev. J. H. Earle was installed as pas-or of the Farmount Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with impressive services, in the presence of

impressive services, in the presence of a large congregation.

Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., paster of the Second Baptist Church, presided, the welcoming address on behalf of the church being delivered by Rev. J. O. Kirk. The charge to the church was delivered by Rev. C. E. Stuart, of Venable Street Baptist Church, Among the other speakers were Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutson, of Pine Street Church, who welcomed Mr. Earle on behalf of the other Baptist churches of the city; Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Fairmount Methodist Church, who welcomed the new pastor on behalf of other denominations, and Mr. S. L. Thomas, of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., who represented the general religious work in the city. Rev. W. S. Dordet, of Leigh Street Baptist Church, took part in the installation service. Appropriate music was arranged for the constant

Baptist Church, took part in the installation service. Appropriate music was arranged for the occasion.

Mr. Barle is well known in Richmond, having a number of relatives here. He is a well educated and prepared man, and has held several places of importance, having been at one time assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Toronto, and later having held pastorates in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dover, N. J.

N. J.

The growing section of Fairmount, which has recently been taken into the city, will abundantly support Mr. Earle in his new work, and the pastorate begins under the brightest prospects.

#### MR. FOSTER HONORED.

Loving Cup Presented to Invalid in His Home.

In Fils Flome.

The board of deacons of Grace Street Baptist Church on Sunday presented to Mr. Eldredge M. Fostor, the seslor deacon of the church. a magnificent silver loving oup as a token of their esteem.

The presentation took place in the home of Mr. Foster, who has been an invalid for the past year, and was attended by the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. C. S. Gardner, and by the fifteen deacons of the church. Mr. Frank Jacob made a short and touching address of presentation.

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Given with the cup was a parchiment copy of resolutions drawn up by the deacons and signed by them, in which they expressed their regard for Mr. Foster and their sorrow at his liners.

On one side of the cup is the following inscription: "Presented to Eldredge M. Foster by the deacons of Grace Street Babtis Church, commentmorating his loving and faithful service as deacon—February 2d, 1967." On the other side appears the following: "Elseled deacon, January, 1852 Chairman of board of deacons, 1597-1996."

Evangelistic Campaign. Evangelistic Campaign.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday heard a report from the committee recently appointed to arrange for an evangelistic campaign. The erumnittee, composed of lev. Drs. G. Gorgo W. McDanlel, J. B. Hutson, W. R. Ball, have Szed the time for new linking and will announce the exact data and other details later. Bach pastor will make his own arrangements, but the meetings will be simultaneously held in all the Baptist churches.

Supreme Court of Appeals. Supreme Court of Appeals.
Proceedings in the Supreme Court of
Appeals yesterday were as follows: Fraternities Accident Order vs. Armstrong,
argued by A. C. Braxton for plaintiff in
error and H. G. Walcott for defendant
in error and submitted.
United States Mineral Co. vs. Camden
& Driscoll partly argued by S. S. P. Patteson for plaintiff in error and F. C.
Moon for defendant in error and continmed.

Next cases to be called; Penn, R. R. Co, et al. vs. Smith, agent; Austin vs. Minor; Town of West Point vs. Bland, et als.; Howard et al. vs. Landsberg's Committee; Woody's adınr. vs. Schaff, et als., and Security Trust & Life Ins. Co. vs. Schaff, being Nos. 48, fs to 50 and 52 and 53 on argument doc-ket.

#### Governor Invited.

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Governor Swanson has been invited by the Board of Trade of Wilmington, N. C., to make an address before that body, leaving the date to His Excellency. The Governor finds that engagements in the State will prevent him from accepting the invitation.

#### Petition Denied.

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to grant a writ of error in the case of Everett Scales, who was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary for mur-der in the second degree. Scales is from Patrick county, and was charged with killing a man named Smith.

Now On Honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. Mosby West, who were married in Washinston at noon Saurday, left that city immediately after the wedding for New York, where they as registered at the Knickerbocker flote! After a week or ten days they will make their home at No. 2005. Flord at the wedding was a surprise to many, the young couple have reaceived many

Advice to the Aged. Age brings infirmities, such as slug-gish bowets, weak kidneys and blad-der and TORPID LIVER.

haven specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, causing them to perform their natural functions as in youth and

to the kidneys, hisdder and Liver. They are adapted to old and young.

# ROYAL **Baking Powder**

Made of Pure Grape Cream of Tartar.

# Safeguards the food against alum.

# AMUSEMENTS.

Academy of Music-Dark, Bijou-"Across the Pacific." Bostock's-Wild Animal Show. Idlewood-Skating Rink.

"The Visiting Girl."

The town w.ii be turned over to Virginia students Thursday night when the dramatic club from the University comes down to present their new show, "The Visiting Girl." This is an entirely original production, and has only once graced the boards, in Staunton on January 25th.

The Arcadians have an envirable repu-The Arcadians have an enviable reputation as amateur actors, and are laughgetters certainly. Men were always strange things when they donned skirts, and the Arcadians are no exception to the rule. There is an all-student cast, chorus and orchestra to "The Visiting Girl," and so the women's parts are all taken by "mere man."

The boys do it well, though. The two leading role, Dolly White and Iva Past, the "Visiting Girl" and the "College Widow," are played by Jack Horner and L. H. Hampton. Both of these men have en taking women's parts with the Ar cadians in their yearly comic operas for the past three years. Naturally, they have all the little fair graces down to a fine point, and when it comes to being rugged. Iva Past van give pointers to the wisest debutante.

"Across the Pacific" a Thriller. Across the Pacific a Infiller.

The patrons of the Bijou will undoubtedly get the worth of their money this week. The attraction is Charles E. Blaney's exciting and stirring military melodrama, "Across the Pacific," without which a season at that flicatre would be incomplete. A capacity audience braved the sleet and snow last night, and almost shricked themselves hoarse over the ex-

citing incidents that follow one another in rapid succession and culminate in the attack on the blockhouse in the last act. A real Gatling gun is made use of in this scene, and the noise and gunpowder are sufficient to supply a dozon ordinary war dramas. All the scenery shown is adequate and realistic, and comprises a mining camp in Montana, a Chinese restaurant and oplum den, a dock scene with the departure of the United Statey regulars for the Philippines, and a blockhouse in the Philippines. A Rough Ridet band rendering martial music increases the realism and incidentally the noise. The cast is the equal in important respects to those previously seen here, Johnnie Hoey as White Live of course has the "fat" part, and gives a most creditable account of himsels. Augusta Gill, Frances Desmonde, Crane Wilbur, Frederic Ornonde, Harry A. Fisher and others do good work in their respective parts. The play is one that entertains and appeals to all lovers of clean melodrama, young and old, and Manager Mc-Kee will doubtless have a record-breaking week. citing incidents that follow one

At Bostock's.

Wallace, another of the vicious lions in Galllard's monster group, this week at Bostock's, has evidently got tired of the notorious Baltimore's occupying so much of the time of the trainer, and has come to be quite as mean as Baltimore. Scarcely an entertainment is held now but that Wallace as well as Baltimore oppose every step of Galllard and the people are kept wondering how long this daring trainer can keep up his work before one or more of his terrible group

before one or more of his terrible group tears him to pieces.

Consul the Second gives a daily performance, showing his additional educa-tion. Each day he learns some new fea-ture, and he seems as much delighted to exhibit his new accomplishments as the people are to see them.

# RAILROAD NEWS

Mr. H. W. Davies has been appointed purchasing agent of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, vice W. R. Burrows, resigned, and entered upon his duties February ist. The appointment is officially announced by President Frank S. Gannon. Mr. Davies is a former Richmonder, and was for a dozen years employed by the Southern Railway in its freight department, and for four years in the accounting department of the

in the accounting department of the road at Washington. Comptroller Joseph W. Coxe has just issued the comparative statement of carnings and expenses of the Norfolk and Western Rallway system for the months of December, 1905 and 1905, and months of December, 1996 and 1996, and for the six months from July to Septem-ber. Total carnings for December, 1996, were \$2,443,199.60, compared with \$2,274,-211.40, an increase of \$163,588.04, or 7 per

# People Seen in Public Places

Dr. R. S. Powell, member of the House of Delegates from Brunswick county, who is familiarly known to his colleagues and in public circles as "Uncle Sam." is at Murphy's, having come here for the purpose of visiting his son, who is attending one of the needcal college, and who will graduate this year.

"My boy had a slight touch of the grip," said "Uncle Sam," when seen in the lobby lest night, "and I thought I would come down and see him.

"Will you come back to the House this year?" he was asked.

"Well, I don't know about that." was the reply. "The people of Brunswick must determine that point ather expect I will be a candidate legis, and I can say that my desperate with reference to my political ambitions. In short, if you care to so state it, you may say that according to my present belief when the general roll is called I'll be there."

"Uncle Sam" is one of the most popular members of the House, and has always attracted attention in the body. He offered a till, soom years ago to designed to drive Gypsies out of the State, and luter was the author of a measure relieving medical doctors of the payment of license taxes. Hoth falled of passage, but Dr. Powell still has his fighting clothes on, and says he wit, the next session, press an intract, has bill has fighting clothes on, and says he wit, has fighting clothes on, and says he wit, has fighting clothes on, and says he will has always attacked or passage, but Dr. Powell still has his fighting clothes on, and says he will have the next session, press an intract, and any he will have the next session, press an intract, and any he will have the next session, press an intract, and any he will have the next session, press an interpret session of the say livers are usually married men, "Uncle Sam" thinks his bill will pass.

Mr. George H. Robinson, assistant secretary of the insurance Field, of Louisville, and the traveling representative of the paper is in Richmond, and is stopping at Murphy's.

Mr. R. Hr. Nicol, of England, who is one of the members of the Moseley Commission named to visit and inspect the public schools of the United States, is in Richmond, and was a calier at the Department of Education yesterday.

"I am not in a position to say what are my impressions concerning the public schools of this State," observed Mr. Nicol in answer to a question by a representative of The Times-Dispatch. "Indeed, I have not for the any," he went on, 'Tor I have been in Virginia only a short while. I expect however, to visit many of the schools here, and to gain a great deal of information concerning their conduct."

Mr. Charles Gse, of Petersburg, a deputy ternal revenue collector for this district, a in the city, and is stopping at the hotel

Hon. W. W. Baker, member of the House of Delegates from Chesterfield county, spent yesterday in Richmond.

Hon. J. M. Hauserman, of Shonandonh who will, it is understood, succeed Colden I. W. Lane, Jr., of Williamsburg, as Stat Hespital Commissioner, is in the city, an was a caller upon Governor Swanson yestor

#### AFRICAN NATIVES WILL BE IN NEGRO PARADE

The colored organizations throughout the State are getting their plans in shape for the celebration of the forty-third anniversors of Emancipation Day.

The Afro-American Emancipation Asso-

# ciation of this city, which has all the arrangements for the affair in hand, held a largely attended meeting a few nights ago, and much enthusiasm was displayed by the crowd over the prospect for a larger celebration this year than ever before. Colored people will come from all parts of the United States in a dual capacity—to-wit, to visit the Jamestown Exposition and attend the Emancipation Day exercises. The celebration will be on the order of a trades parade, which will include floats, representing every kind of business carried on by negroes. There will also be in line some African natives attired in their native costume.

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### Ex-Gov. Montague Says:

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These Lectures are now being offered for sale, for a short time only, at greatly reduced prices. Those having an oportunity to examine this splendid work should not fail to do so.

